

Dhaka's \$1m grant wins a little heart

BSS, Dhaka
"Thank you for your pledge of 1 million dollars to our country. We know that our children, families and [those] seriously hurt by Hurricane Katrina are grateful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart," writes a US schoolgirl to the Bangladesh embassy in Washington.

Low causes flash floods, waterlogging

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Different parts of the country have started to face flash floods and severe waterlogging problems due to the continuous downpour since Friday.

JS body to probe TIB report basis after Huda heat

SHAKHAWAT LITON
Communications Minister Nazmul Huda yesterday blasted the Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) for labelling the communications sector as the most corrupt and sought intervention of a parliamentary body in taking legal action against the organisation for smearing the government.

'publishing false and baseless reports' on which the TIB report was based. At one stage of the discussion, committee Chairman Syed Manjur Hossain proposed enacting laws to contain 'yellow journalism', said sources.

we will protest if we find it baseless," Manjur, also the convener of the sub-committee, told The Daily Star yesterday after the meeting.



Snake charmer Marjina and her three-year-old child Shanta, holding a snake together, pose for a photograph at Maghbar in the capital.

BARAPUKURIA COAL MINE
Petrobangla agrees to Tata's proposal for open-pit mining

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Petrobangla has decided in principle to agree with Tata's proposal to introduce open-pit method at Barapukuria coal mine in Dinajpur for using its coal as fuel for the Tata-proposed industries in Bangladesh.

WOMEN'S SEATS
9 candidates in JS elected unopposed

BDNEWS, Dhaka
The Election Commission (EC) on Sunday declared all the nine female candidates, vying for the reserved seats for women in the Jatiya Sangsad (JS), elected unopposed.



While the nation observes the World Habitat Day today, having even a modest home remains a dream for many. The photo shows a homeless child asleep on the bridge leading to the Sadarghat launch terminal jetty.

KL yet to welcome Dhaka workers

RAFIQ HASAN
Despite signing a formal memorandum of understanding (MoU) between Dhaka and Kuala Lumpur in October 2003 and the latter's commitment to start fresh manpower recruitment from Bangladesh, Malaysian labour market is yet to be opened for workers from Bangladesh.

Motijheel OC suspended

HC orders police not to arrest him
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Police headquarters yesterday suspended Rafiqul Islam, closed officer-in-charge (OC) of Motijheel Police Station and main accused in the college student Kamrul Islam Momin killing case.

ACC completes screening of ex-Bac staff

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday completed the screening of all the employees of the now-defunct Bureau of Anti-Corruption (Bac), making a list of staff whom the commission will discard.

HC stays changes to land transfer, registration acts

BDNEWS, Dhaka
The High Court (HC) on Sunday stayed the operation of the amendments to the land registration and land transfer acts till October 17.

Moon moves to make dazzling ring

BBC ONLINE
A dark shadow is about to be thrown over much of Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East in an annular eclipse.

Bali bombers belong to Qaeda-linked group

AP, Bali
Indonesia said yesterday it suspected two fugitives linked to al-Qaeda had masterminded the suicide bombings of crowded restaurants in tourist resorts on the Indonesian island of Bali, which killed at least 26 people and injured more than 100.

accused of orchestrating the 2002 Bali nightclub bombings, as well as two other attacks in the Indonesian capital in 2003 and 2004. The nightclub bombings, which also struck venues crowded with tourists on a Saturday night, killed 202 people, most of them foreigners.

said Mbai, who identified the two suspected masterminds as Azahari bin Husin and Noordin Mohamed Top.

Wage Board recommends 40pc DA

BSS, Dhaka
The Sixth Wage Board yesterday recommended 40 percent dearness allowance (DA) for the journalists, employees and press workers of newspapers and news agencies.

MILI MURDER CASE
Hearing cancelled amid chaos

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi
The hearing on the naraji (no-confidence) petition against the final report in schoolgirl Mafuza Begum Mili's rape and murder case could not be held yesterday amid chaos in the courtroom.

Meanwhile, over one hundred people demonstrated on the court premises to protest the final report that recommended release of the three accused.

INDIAN FM IN PAKISTAN
No breakthrough expected in talks

REUTERS, Islamabad
India's foreign minister was due in Pakistan yesterday for talks on the nuclear-armed neighbours' tentative peace process with two agreements expected on security cooperation but no major breakthroughs seen as likely.

tests and on a hotline between their coast guards, Pakistan's Dawn newspaper said.

Table with Prayer Timing for October 3, including Azan and Jamaat times for Fajr, Zohr, Asr, Maghrib, and Esha.